

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY

MARCH 21, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER



1. ROLL CALL: 5:36 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert E. Walkup, Vice-Mayor Steve Leal, Council Members Jose J. Ibarra, Carol West, Karin Uhlich, Shirley Scott, and Nina J. Trasoff, Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk

STAFF MEMBERS: Mike Letcher, Deputy City Manager  
Mike Rankin, City Attorney

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Reverend Kim Taylor, American Evangelical Lutheran Church, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the El Presidio Charter High School.

### PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation – Proclaiming March 14 through April 29, 2006 to be “Arizona Multihousing Association Project S.A.F.E. Month”.

The City Clerk announced that Gabriela is in attendance to provide Spanish translation assistance for anyone who needs it.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – MARCH21-06-126</li></ol>  |              |
| <p>Council Member West read the following notice:</p>  |              |
| <p>Have you ever received a notice inviting you to a neighbor’s property to hear about a project which will need a variance so that something can be constructed which does not comply with the Land Use Code? Have you ever gotten a notice from the City requesting your opinion about a project that is scheduled for hearing by the Board of Adjustment?</p> |              |

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3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT  
EVENTS – MARCH21-06-126 (Continued from previous page)

If you have or might in the future, the Development Services Department (DSD) and the Neighborhood Infill Coalition (NIC) are co-sponsoring a Public Forum this month entitled Board of Adjustment 101. The forum will be held:

Thursday, March 30, 2006  
6:30 PM -- 8:00 PM  
Randolph Park Clubhouse's Copper Room  
600 South Alvernon Way

This forum is designed for neighborhood groups, homeowners groups, and the general public who may have an interest in the Board of Adjustment's variance process and the Board's role in the City of Tucson. If interested but not able to attend, the forum will be taped by Tucson 12 and videotapes will be available at all Tucson Public Libraries. For more information please contact: Wayne Bogdan, DSD Principal Planner at (520) 791-4541 ext. 1116

Council Member West invited the public to a town hall featuring Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities and the Critical Path Institute. The town hall takes place Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00pm – 8:30pm at Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway.

Council Member West congratulated the Ward II staff for receiving the Safe Workplace Achievement Award.

Council Member Uhlich announced that she is hosting a forum in conjunction with Board of Supervisor Sharon Bronson and Pascua-Yaqui Tribe Chairwoman Herminia Frias about the Regional Transportation question on the ballot this May 16th. The forum will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:00pm at the Northwest Neighborhood Center located at 2160 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Council Member Uhlich announced that the Pima County - Tucson Commission on Addiction Prevention and Treatment is currently holding a series of town halls on teenage drinking. There are still two more upcoming Town Halls and those will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:00pm at the Northwest Neighborhood Center, and the last one will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at noon at the Luz Academy.

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| <p>4. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS<br/>MARCH21-06-127</p> <p>There was no report at this time.</p>   |  |
| <p>5. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS – MARCH21-06-123</p> <p>IGUANA CAFE, CITY 11-06<br/>TUCSON BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB, CITY # T05-06<br/>TUCSON INTERNATIONAL MARIACHI CONFERENCE, INC.,<br/>CITY # T08-06<br/>TUCSON INTERNATIONAL MARIACHI CONFERENCE, INC.,<br/>CITY # T09-06<br/>ONE-ON-ONE PARTNERS, CITY # T10-06<br/>BARRIO HOLLYWOOD’S FIESTA GRANDE, INC., CITY # T11-06<br/>GOLDEN NUGGET TAVERN, CITY # AC05-06</p> <p>Council Member Trasoff MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct staff to forward these applications to the State Liquor Board with recommendations for APPROVAL.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p> | <p><u>CITY CLERK</u></p>                       |
| <p>6. <u>C O N S E N T   A G E N D A</u></p> <p>**ITEM “J” WAS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA **</p> <p>A. FINAL PLAT: (S05-122) COLUMBUS PARK<br/>CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION, UNITS 1 TO 60 AND<br/>COMMON ELEMENTS “A” AND “B” – MARCH21-06-129</p>  | <p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT<br/>SERVICES</u></p> |
| <p>B. PUBLIC WORKS: COMPLETION OF THE AMERICAN<br/>PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION ACCREDITATION<br/>PROCESS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF<br/>TRANSPORTATION, GENERAL SERVICES, AND UTILITY<br/>SERVICES – MARCH21-06-131</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20302</p>   | <p><u>DIR. OF TRANSPORTATION</u></p>           |

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| <p>C. REAL PROPERTY: ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS FOR THE MANNING LANE EMERGENCY MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT – MARCH21-06-130</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20303</p>  | <p><u>DIR. OF FINANCE</u></p>              |
| <p>D. FINANCE: LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA FOR THE DREXEL ROAD/CAMPBELL AVENUE RECLAIMED TRANSMISSION MAIN PHASE II – MARCH21-06-124</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. 10250</p> | <p><u>DIR. OF FINANCE</u></p>              |
| <p>E. FINANCE: LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA FOR THE SOUTH AVRA VALLEY RAW WATER DELIVERY PIPELINE – MARCH21-06-125</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. 10249</p>                    | <p><u>DIR. OF FINANCE</u></p>              |
| <p>F. AMENDED FINAL PLAT: (S05-127) CIVANO I, COMMON AREA “B” – MARCH21-06-132</p>  | <p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></p> |
| <p>G. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: WITH PIMA COUNTY FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND EDUCATION PROGRAM – MARCH21-06-134</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20304</p>  | <p><u>DIR. OF TRANSPORTATION</u></p>       |
| <p>H. BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS: AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP – MARCH21-06-135</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20305</p>  | <p><u>CITY CLERK</u></p>                   |

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| I. TRANSPORTATION: AFFIRMING THE IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROJECTS – MARCH21-06-137<br><br>RESOLUTION NO. 20306   | <u>DIR. OF TRANSPORTATION</u>   |
| K. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH21-06-140  | <u>CITY CLERK</u>               |
| L. AGREEMENT: WITH SRWA, LLC TO CONSTRUCT THE SANTA RITA BEL AIR PLAN WATER DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTION – MARCH21-06-141<br><br>RESOLUTION NO. 20308   | <u>DIR. OF UTILITY SERVICES</u> |
| M. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT: GOLF LINKS ROAD, PANTANO PARKWAY TO BONANZA AVENUE DISTRICT PAVING AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT – MARCH21-06-142<br><br>RESOLUTION NO. 20298                                  | <u>DIR. OF FINANCE</u>          |
| Council Member Ibarra MOVED and it was duly seconded that items on the Consent Agenda (Except “J”) be approved and/or adopted and proper action taken.<br><br>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0. |                                 |

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J. FINANCE: COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND TRANSFER TO  
THE 100 CLUB – MARCH21-06-139

RESOLUTION NO. 20307

Vice-Mayor Leal MOVED and it was duly seconded to pass and  
adopt Resolution No. 20307 with the following additions:

- Ward II contributing an additional \$500
- Ward III contributing an additional \$500
- Ward IV contributing an additional \$500

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

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7. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Michael Toney spoke about the Proposition 400 equestrian trail projects on  
the Santa Cruz river and expressed his concerns over the landscape  
requirements, and feels that Tumamoc hill needs to be incorporated into these  
projects in order to keep them as open space. He also spoke about the  
Mayor and Council stand against pre-emptive legislation at the state and  
suggested that the Mayor and Council craft specific language for the state.

Robert Reus expressed his belief that the Mayor and Council abandoned  
Access Tucson and did so for the Rio Nuevo extension, and spoke about his  
desire to form an alderman form of government.

Rob Blizzard thanked the City Manager's office for quickly working to  
convert the bathroom outside of the Council office so it is accessible by the  
disabled.

Dr. Jim Stoff, a consulting veterinarian for the Reid Park Zoo stated that  
although Connie and Shaba have been treated in the past for arthritis and  
cracked toenails, there have been no significant health problems in the past  
two years. He also stated that there have been no problems lately due to daily  
conditioning by the zoo handlers, and that they are in the best physical health  
they have been in for awhile.

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Joe Fico expressed his support for sending the elephants to the sanctuary in Tennessee, and cited an article from the New York Times dated 2/7/06 regarding the Bronx Zoo and how their small two-acre enclosure and artificial insemination processes can cause health problems for elephants.

Marjorie Fithian spoke in support of keeping the elephants for the sake of the community and the children. She indicated that she has gathered 11,000 signatures in support of keeping the elephants and is continuing to gather signatures.

Nikia Fico spoke in support of sending the elephants the sanctuary in Tennessee, and stated that the psychological and physical ailments suffered by the elephants in captivity are real. She further stated that reports that elephants live longer in captivity than in the wild are including the numbers killed by poachers. She also protested a Council Aide providing information that the elephants do not have access to the full 2700 acres on the sanctuary, when she has had the sanctuary confirm that they do have access to the full acreage 24 hours a day.

Mike Carter, the Executive Director for the Tucson Zoological Society, spoke out in support of keeping the elephants and feels the city needs an aggressive funding strategy. In turn the Tucson Zoological Society will partner with the City and fund 6.25 million dollars towards the 12.5 million needed to create the new elephant enclosure and the conservation learning center.

Matthew K. Watts support sending the elephants the sanctuary in Tennessee and believes the others speaking out in support of keeping the elephants are trying to keep their jobs.

Howard Frederick, a nutrition consultant with the Reid Park Zoo stated that elephants only walk 50 + miles and eat 1000 pounds a day when they are trying to meet energy requirements, specifically fiber. He stated that captive elephants are fed high-energy diets, and requests that the Mayor and Council seek out facts and get expert information when making their decision.

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| <p>7. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (Continued from previous page)</p> <p>Alice Ritter spoke in protest of alleged Tucson Police Department discriminatory practices and abuse of power of towards anti-war protesters. She cited 3 specific instances that she feels fall into these categories.</p>  |  |
| <p>8. PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING C9-02-32 (RZ06-2) A-C INVESTMENT – AJO WAY, R-1/R-2/I-1 TO I-1, CHANGE OF PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND CHANGE OF CONDITIONS – MARCH21-06-138</p> <p>Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to close the Public Hearing.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p> <p>Vice-Mayor Leal MOVED and it was duly seconded to approve the request as recommended.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>  | <p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></p> |
| <p>9. ZONING: (C9-05-28) DESCO SOUTHWEST – GRANT ROAD, R-1 TO O-3, CITY MANAGER’S REPORT – MARCH21-06-136</p> <p>The City Clerk read a correction into the record that the site in question is located ½ mile West of Wilmot Road, not East of Wilmot Road as indicated on the Agenda and the first page of the Communication.</p> <p>The City Clerk also announced that a letter withdrawing a former protest has been presented, which eliminates the requirement for a ¾ majority vote on this item.</p> <p>Council Member West MOVED and it was duly seconded to authorize the request as recommended by the Zoning Examiner.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p> | <p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></p> |



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| <p>10. ZONING: (C9-05-29) DOS HOMBRES LLC – COLUMBUS BOULEVARD, R-1 TO R-2, CITY MANAGER’S REPORT – MARCH21-06-133</p> <p>Council Member West MOVED and it was duly seconded to authorize the request as recommended by the Zoning Examiner.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>   | <p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></p> |
| <p>11. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS – MARCH21-06-128</p> <p>Council Member Uhlich re-appointed Annette Campbell to the Tucson/Pima County Historical Commission, and announced her personal appointment of Maria Belen Olmedo to the Community Development Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Council Member Trasoff announced her personal appointments of Evan Canfield to the Citizens Water Advisory Committee, Donald Ijams to the Community Development Advisory Committee, Clarence Boykins to the Minority Women Business Enterprise Commission, and Gallagher “Gal” Witmer AIA to the Tucson/Pima County Historical Commission.</p> | <p><u>CITY CLERK</u></p>                   |
| <p>12. ADJOURNMENT: 6:36 p.m.</p> <p>The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.</p>  |  |